GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Delivery Deaths
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government is aware of the increasing incidents of women death during delivery specially in rural areas and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether a large number of cases reported about new born children losing their lives due to malfunction/failure of equipments in hospitals;

(c) if so, the number of such cases and the steps taken by the Government to ensure the safe delivery of child; and

(d) the schemes run by the Central Government for mother and neonatal care in the country?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a): As per the latest report of the Registrar General of India, Sample Registration System (RGI-SRS), Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) of India has shown a decline from 212 per 100,000 live births in the period 2007-09 to 178 per 100,000 live births in 2010-12 to 167 per 100,000 live births in the period 2011-13 resulting in a decline in number of estimated maternal deaths from 56,000 to 44000.
(b) & (c): No. Under Facility Based Newborn Care Operational Guide (2011), guidelines have been issued to the States for regular maintenance of the equipment, power audit and daily maintenance of equipment by the service providers for safe use of various equipments in the newborn care units.
(d): The schemes for maternal and neonatal care are:
â€¢ For bringing pregnant women to health facilities for ensuring safe delivery and emergency obstetric care, Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY), a demand promotion scheme, is implemented
â€¢ Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakaram (JSSK) entitles all pregnant women delivering in public health institutions to absolutely free and no expense delivery, including caesarean section. The entitlements include free drugs and consumables, free diet during stay at normal delivery and C-section, free diagnostics, and free blood wherever required. This initiative also provides for free transport from home to institution, between facilities in case of a referral and drop back home. Similar entitlements were put in place for all sick infants accessing public health institutions for treatment upto 1 year of age. The scheme has also been expanded to cover antenatal & post-natal complications of pregnancy.
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